

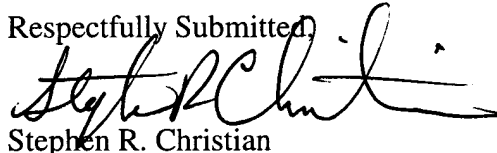
REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 19, 2003, has been received and reviewed. Claims 11 through 20, 23, 25, and 26 are currently pending in the application. Claims 11 through 14 stand rejected. Claims 15 through 20, 23, 25, and 26 are allowed. Applicants have cancelled claims 11 – 14 to expedite issuance of the allowed claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above claim cancellations and allowance of the application as amended herein.

CONCLUSION

Claims 15 – 20, 23, 25, and 26 have been indicated to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice of the current application being condition for allowance is respectfully solicited in light of Applicants seeking the cancellation of the above identified claims. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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